

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on May 19, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall at 1768 Main St. Port Norris, NJ

Those Present:

Mike Vizzard	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Deputy Mayor
Joseph Klaudi	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Heather Sparks	Township Clerk
Nick DiCosmo	Engineer

Those Absent:

Edward Dennis	Engineer
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Mayor Vizzard presided and called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard asked that attendees join him in the flag salute and the Lord's Prayer.

Mayor acknowledges that no state police were note present to give a report.

Mayor asked the committee if they had a chance to review the meeting minutes of Special meeting on March 31, 2022, the agenda meeting of April 18, 2022, and the regular meeting of April 21, 2022. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Jamison made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Klaudi. Roll call, all in favor.

Mayor stated we have a bill list for consideration for the month of May as prepared by the chief financial officer. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the bill list. Mr. Klaudi made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Jamison. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Mayor went over correspondence

Correspondence from Tax Collector. Recommends assigning tax sale certificate to lien holder for block 85, lot 8962. Lien holder would like to foreclose. There is an encroachment with the adjacent lot. Assignment of the lien will resolve this issue.

Mayor asked the committee if they were in favor of the lien assignment. Mayor said he is in favor of the assignment. The committee agreed. Clerk took a roll call vote. All were in favor.

Correspondence from NJDOT. Township was selected to receive funding from NJDOT for 2022 Local Freight Impact Fund for the reconstruction of High Street and Yock Wock road in the amount of \$900,000.

Correspondence from NJDOT. Township was selected to receive funding from NJDOT for 2022 Local Freight Impact Fund for mill and overlay of Main St (CR-553) from Strawberry Ave. to Ogden Ave. in the amount of \$900,000.

Received notification, NJDOT is taking applications for the 2023 trust fund (State Aid) program. Funding request are being accepted for 3 categories,

Municipal Aid – Supports walking and bike bath safety

Bikeway – New bikeways that are separate from motorized vehicles or on-road bike lanes

Safe Streets to transit – support constructing safe and accessible pedestrian linkages to transit facilities

Applications need to be submitted by July 1, 2022.

Mayor said they were going to apply for all three categories.

Correspondence from Tax Collector. Owner at 352 Robin Rd, block 107, lots 8458-8459 is selling. An encroachment was discovered. The Township foreclosed on adjoining lots that could possibly contain the well or septic. Title company has requested the township vacate a final judgement for block 107, Lots 8483-8484.

Mayor asked Solicitor Seeley if we are able to vacate.

Mr. Seeley said yes.

Mayor said he has no problem vacating if we are allowed to vacate.

The committee agreed to vacate, roll call vote, all were in favor.

Solicitor Seeley said it won't happen overnight, but we will vacate.

Mayor said the engineer has arrived so we will go to the engineer's report.

Nick DiCosmo reported – Port Norris Riverfront roadway improvements. We have submitted our package to the DOT, just waiting on their final approval for final reimbursement. Should be in the amount of \$876,000. Keron & Parson's Lane, we are still waiting on DOT approval, everything has been submitted. We should get the disbursement of those funds in the next coming weeks.

Mayor asked if we know the dollar amount for that project.

Nick DiCosmo said he believed it was around \$170,000.

Nick DiCosmo continued, Port Norris Improvements Phase III, Army Corps permits were submitted the end of April and our DEP CAFRA and waterfront development permits were submitted on May 16th, so we are just waiting to hear back from the permitting agencies. Design plans will follow.

The fiscal year 2022 local impact fund applications- We have received two, \$900,000 grants. One for the reconstruction of Yock Wock Rd. and High St. and the other is for the mill and overlay of Main St. from Strawberry to Ogden. Nick spoke with the county earlier in the

week, the county engineer's office indicated they are on board for another shared service agreement to come up with any funding shortfalls for the mill and overlay of Main St. It would probably be somewhere between \$200,000 to \$300,000, the county is definitely on board with that. That will work out great because the township will not have to pay anything. We have proposals for both of those jobs on the agenda for approval tonight.

The fiscal year 2022, reconstruction of Cobb and Brown St., we just finished the design today so we will submit to DOT early next week. We should be able to go to bid and award hopefully at next month's meeting and get construction going in the summer.

The Mauricetown Riverfront Park, we have the in-water bulkhead inspection scheduled for May 23rd. Barney sent him a contact for the Coast Guard.

Fiscal year 2023, we have state aid applications. We discussed possibly doing Milbourne or any portion of Brown we aren't able to do, maybe a pedestrian path or mixed-use path with pedestrians and bikes. We need to make decisions in the next few weeks to submit, the deadline is July 1st.

We are still waiting to hear back from the gas company with where we stand getting them out to mill and pave repairs on Magnolia. He hasn't heard back from them.

The mayor asked about the permits for the road openings by the gas company. It was determined that the gas company had obtained permits, but the work needs to be redone.

Mayor said we have a bond ordinance for second reading and approval.

Ordinance 2022-612

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FY2021 NJDOT LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND PORT NORRIS RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 3 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, APPROPRIATING \$1,300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Jamison made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Klaudi.

Mayor asked if anyone in the public wished to speak on Ordinance 2022-612.

Frank Donahue – asked what the approximate increase in average tax burden to the homeowner per every \$100 assessed value?

The mayor said none. These are grants from the state of New Jersey DOT. This has nothing to do with the taxpayers

Tracy Richardson – I don't know that this wasn't presented to the voters. Does this mean you're going to increase more industrial businesses down at the waterfront?

Mayor Vizzard said No, it to repair the road and help prevent flooding so the businesses at the waterfront don't have to worry about their properties getting flooded out. We are also fixing the roads so that everyone's complaints about the roads being bouncy.

Tracy Richardson, I just hope it doesn't mean more industrial traffic.

Mayor Vizzard said there isn't anything saying you won't. This is in no way allowing that to happen but there isn't anything saying you won't have it happen.

Tracy Richardson, thanked the mayor

The mayor asked if there was anyone else from the public, with none, mayor asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. A motion was made by Mr. Klaudi and was seconded by Mr. Jamison.

Mayor asked for a motion and second to adopt Ordinance 2022-612. Mr. Klaudi made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Jamison. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Resolutions for adoption

RESOLUTION 2022-53
TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL
RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
PURSUANT TO NJS 40A:4-87
(\$900,000.00 -NJDOT Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program for Mill and Overlay of
Main St. from Strawberry Ave. to Ogden Ave. Project.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of a municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, Said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial has received notice of an award of \$900,000.00 in New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program for Mill and Overlay of Main St. from Strawberry Ave. to Ogden Ave. Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget year **2022** in the sum of **\$900,000.00** which item is now available as revenue from:

FY 2022 2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like sum of **\$900,000.00** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the captions of:

FY 2022 2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of monies totaling **\$900,000.00** from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program.

Date: **May 19, 2022**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Chief Financial Officer will submit this Chapter 159 electronically on the Division of Local Government Services website.

RESOLUTION 2022-54
TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL
RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO NJS
40A:4-87
(\$900,000.00 -NJDOT Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program for Reconstruction of High Street and
Yock Wock Road.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of a municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, Said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial has received notice of an award of \$900,000.00 in New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program for Reconstruction of High Street and Yock Wock Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget year 2022 in the sum of **\$900,000.00** which item is now available as revenue from:

FY 2022 2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like sum of **\$900,000.00** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the captions of:

FY 2022 2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of monies totaling **\$900,000.00** from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Program.

Date: May 19, 2022

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Chief Financial Officer will submit this Chapter 159 electronically on the Division of Local Government Services website.

**RESOLUTION 2022-55
TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL
RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND
APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO NJS 40A:4-87
\$4,145.13 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of a municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS. Said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial has received IN 2022 the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget year **2022** in the sum of **\$4,145.13** which item is now available as revenue from:

FY 2019 2022. Recycling Tonnage Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like sum of **\$4,145.13** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the captions of:

FY 2019 2022. Recycling Tonnage Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of monies totaling **\$4,145.13** from the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant.

Date: **May 19, 2022**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township's Chief Financial Officer will submit this Chapter 159 electronically on the Division of Local Government Services website.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve resolutions 2022-53 through 2022-55. Budget Insertions

Mr. Jamison made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Klaudi. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor continued resolutions for adoption

RESOLUTION 2022-56
Approving Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers
To Provide Engineering Design and Construction Services for the Reconstruction of Yock
Wock Road and High St. in the Amount of \$45,000.00.

WHEREAS, Commercial Township was awarded a 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$900,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers have presented a proposal to provide engineering design and construction for the Reconstruction of Yock Wock Road and High St. \$45,000.00; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a proposal of \$45,000.00 is approved and certification of chief financial officer is contained in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds for certification are therefore being made available as follows:

2022 NJDOT Grant: Reconstruction of Yock Wock Rd. and High St.		
G-02-41-869-000		\$45,000.00
Present Balance in Account	\$900,000.00	
Remaining Balance in Account	\$855,000.00	
Total Amount to be Certified:		<u>\$45,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION 2022- 57
Accepting Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineering
For Year 2023 State Aid Road Grant At \$2,200 for First Application
And \$1,500 For Each Grant Thereafter.

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey is accepting State Aid Road Grants For 2023 as of July 1st, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineering has presented a proposal for 2023 State Aid Road Grant Applications in the amount of \$2,200 for first Application and \$1,500 for second application, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial That committee accepts proposal of \$2,200 for first application and \$1,500 for second application.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a proposal of \$3,700.00 is approved and certified by the chief financial officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds for certification are therefore being made available as follows:

2022 Municipal Budget-Engineering Services		
2-01-20-155-028		\$3,700.00
Present Balance in Account	\$17,000.00	
Remaining Balance in Account	\$13,300.00	

RESOLUTION 2022-58

**Approving Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers
To Provide Engineering Design and Construction Services for the Mill & the Overlay of
Main St. in the Amount of \$45,000.00.**

WHEREAS, Commercial Township was awarded a 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$900,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers have presented a proposal to provide engineering design and construction phase services for the Mill and overlay of Main St. \$45,000.00; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a proposal of \$45,000.00 is approved and certification of chief financial officer is contained in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds for certification are therefore being made available as follows:

2022 NJDOT Grant: Mill & Overlay of Main		
G-02-41-871-000		\$45,000.00
Present Balance in Account	\$900,000.00	
Remaining Balance in Account	\$855,000.00	
Total Amount to be Certified:		<u>\$45,000.00</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION – 2022-59
RESOLUTION OF PREFERENCE FOR APPROVAL OF CANNABIS
MANUFACTURING LICENSE FOR PIGMENT HOLDINGS, LLC, BY STATE OF NEW
JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Pigment Holdings, LLC, is a New Jersey limited liability company that is registered and authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Pigment Holdings, LLC, previously met with Commercial Township and discussed their intention to apply to the State of New Jersey for a cannabis manufacturing license at property located within the boundaries of Commercial Township; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Township has authorized the type of cannabis cultivation license that is being sought by Pigment Holdings, LLC through Ordinance 2021-606; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of a cannabis manufacturing license to Pigment Holdings, LLC, will not exceed any limit on the number of cannabis manufacturing licenses allowed by Commercial Township; and

WHEREAS, the Property that will be leased and utilized by Pigment Holdings, LLC, for a cannabis manufacturing facility within the borders of Commercial Township is properly zoned for such use and will not require the granting of any zoning variances or zoning changes in order for the cannabis manufacturing facility to be operational.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Commercial Township hereby demonstrates its preference for approval by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission of the application for a cannabis manufacturing license that is to be filed by Pigment Holdings, LLC.

RESOLUTION 2022-60

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OVERPAYMENT TO OTHER TAX YEARS OR REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT TO OWNER, PAYER OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, it was discovered after downloading the 2022 MOD IV, receiving a County Board of Taxation appeal judgement and/or during the preparation of the tax bills that there were several overpayments existing on numerous line items. The overpayments were created due to reductions in the tax assessments, the recent Homestead Credit Benefit, combining of lots, change in lot number, removal of assessment, approved deduction, duplicate payment or pursuant to a successful appeal filed with the County Board of Taxation lowering said assessments, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, said overpayments will need to be refunded to the owner, person who made payment or their representative. With said overpayments exceeding \$10.00, approval from Commercial Township Committee is required before action is to be taken, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Leslie Kraus, Tax Collector for Commercial Township is authorized to submit a voucher for refund of existing overpayments along with interest pursuant to statute, when required, as listed below. It is further requested that the Certified Financial Officer be authorized to refund as indicated by voucher.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
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184 26 Patricia Bailey 2022 \$328.30 Refund 2018 Homestead Rebate –
100% Exempt Veteran

RESOLUTION 2022-61

Approving Bond Anticipation Note with Newfield National Bank At 1.70% Percent Interest

WHEREAS the Commercial Township Chief Financial Officer obtained quotes for a new issue of notes in the amount of \$748,600.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the Bond Anticipation Note be awarded to Newfield National Bank with interest rate of 1.70% Percent with the note in the amount of \$748,600.00 and interest in the amount of \$12,726.20 due as of April 21, 2023.

**COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2022-62**

**Acknowledging Receipt of Payment in Full on Behalf of Rose Martinez
Of The Bayshore Housing Program Mortgage Held by The Township
And Authorizing the Execution of a Discharge of Mortgage Regarding
Same.**

WHEREAS, Rose Martinez of 358 Daffodil Road, Millville, NJ 08332 qualified for participation in the Small Cities Grant known as the Bayshore Housing Program for the rehabilitation of housing and received the sum of \$20,790.00 on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Note called for repayment by fifty percent (50%) of the funds if a Triggering Event occurs after the expiration of five (5) years, specifically the sale of the residence; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, Rose Martinez sold her residence and proceeds of \$17,070.90 have been tendered to the Township of Maurice River as payment in full of the principal amount borrowed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the Township of Maurice River Acknowledged receipt of payment in full of the Mortgage previously entered into between the Township of Commercial and Rose Martinez; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Commercial is hereby directed to execute a Discharge of Mortgage between the Township and Rose Martinez to discharge the Mortgage of record previously executed on May 7, 2014.

**COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2022-63**

**Acknowledging Receipt of Payment in Full on Behalf of Ruth G. Jones
Of The Bayshore Housing Program Mortgage Held by The Township
And Authorizing the Execution of a Discharge of Mortgage Regarding
Same.**

WHEREAS, Ruth G. Jones of 209 Dandelion Road, Millville, NJ 08332 qualified for participation in the Small Cities Grant known as the Bayshore Housing Program for the rehabilitation of housing and received the sum of \$5,800.00 on October 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Note called for repayment by fifty percent (50%) of the funds if a Triggering Event occurs after the expiration of five (5) years, specifically the sale of the residence; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, Ruth G. Jones sold her residence and proceeds of \$2,900.00 have been tendered to the Township of Maurice River as payment in full of the principal amount borrowed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the Township of Maurice River Acknowledged receipt of payment in full of the Mortgage previously entered into between the Township of Maurice River and Ruth G. Jones; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Commercial is hereby directed to execute a Discharge of Mortgage between the Township of Maurice River and Ruth G. Jones to discharge the Mortgage of record previously executed on July 16, 2004.

Solicitor Seeley said his office will prepare the filing for both discharges.

Mayor asked for a motion to adopt resolutions 2022-56 through 2022-63.

Mr. Klaudi made the motion to adopt and was seconded by Mr. Jamison. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Mayor asked if there were any reports from officials.

Mr. Klaudi said he had nothing to report.

Mayor Vizzard said we are still moving on the construction of the new state police barracks.

We are still working with the state regarding how we are going to do animal control. We are looking to see how we can save taxpayers the cost of putting the animals in the animal shelter. It is a very costly subject for the taxpayers.

We have been approved by the state to use the funds we got for the American Rescue Act to apply some of those funds towards improving homeowners' septic systems in an effort to stop so many properties from being abandoned and keeping these properties on the tax rolls for the township. I plan to meet with the solicitor and the chief finance officer to try and come up with a means to start up this fund and get these agreements out to the public in Commercial Township. My goal is to keep these properties from being foreclosed on, from being abandoned, and have these properties stay on the tax rolls. The problem we are having in this township is, too many properties are being abandoned due to septic systems. People can't afford to replace them, so we are trying to come up with a way to help people get them fixed and sold.

Mayor asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Motion was made by Mr. Jamison and seconded by Mr. Klaudi.

Frank Donohue, Church St. Port Norris – Cannabis Manufacturing, is that the same as growing?

Mayor Vizzard responded by breaking down the 5 categories of the cannabis licensing. Cultivating, manufacturing, retail sales, wholesaler, transportation. All 5 of these categories need to be licensed by the state. The township has to come up with its own agreement, we may just go with the state's guidelines. We cannot even accept anyone until they have their license with the state.

Mr. Donohue asked if this activity would primarily happen in agricultural or industrial zones.

Mayor responded that it needed to be agriculture or industrial. It cannot be in a farming zone. If it is deemed for farming, they would need to have the use changed to agriculture or industrial.

Larry Health, Milbourne Dr. – Address 2553 is still abandoned and causing a lot of problems.

Mayor asked if it was the place that burned.

Mr. Health acknowledged that it was. He doesn't know what's going on, Code enforcement said he had the guy in court but nothing is happening.

Mayor said we are trying to make the owner address the situation first before we burden the township residents with having to pay for that. It doesn't mean we won't, it just means we just have to go about it the right way, which is the owner taking responsibility for it.

Mr. Health asked if Milbourne drive had any plans of milling or repaving in the future.

Mayor said yes, we spoke on it tonight. It is our number 1 priority for 2023, however, we don't know if we will have enough money to do all of Milbourne. The mayor explained some different option that would be best use of the funding.

Tracy Richardson, Main St. Port Norris – Referenced agenda regarding work to Main St. Asked what it meant to Mill.

Mayor responded that we will be milling the road down to the concrete then pave it to smooth out the bumps. We are looking to get money from the county for the bridge area. We just want to make it smoother and take the bumps out for the trucks going through there. However, the bridge needs to have some work done. We decided to take the lead on this because the county would not.

Daniel (last name inaudible), Millville resident- He can smell the silt from the silica plant in Mauricetown on Noble Road. I am concerned about the discharge that I smell and hope that it is not impacting my health or anybody else's. Does this town require environmental impact statements? I'm sure it is all regulated by the state, and I understand that. Maybe there is something they are working on like extending the smokestack, maybe they are already working on something to improve the emissions that comes out of there. Maybe just an inquiry.

Mayor Vizzard said I may not be able to answer all your questions, but I can tell you I sit on the Land Use board, they have had environmental impact statements created and there have been engineers that have reviewed these statements. They have also installed scrubbers in those stacks. They are taking care of any environmental impact they may have with whatever is coming from those stacks and have passed all state requirements.

Daniel stated he was no expert but isn't there a silicane gas coming out of there?

Mayor said he has never heard of such a thing; he doesn't believe it is silicane gas. I'm not saying it isn't, but I can tell you that they are being monitored by the state. I do know they are monitored by the state and have filed the environmental impact statements.

Debbie Hollinger, Temperance St, Port Norris – I know your repaving Main Street, can we get some speed limit signs like on every block for these speeding trucks.

Mayor responded that it would be for the speeding trucks and the speeding cars. The county is giving us money to do that, so we are going to have speed limits put up. I will tell you there are a lot more cars speeding than trucks.

Mrs. Hollinger said she has seen it.

Mayor said but it doesn't matter, we are going to be putting speed limit signs up.

A brief discussion ensued regarding truck traffic activity.

Daniel (last name unknown), Millville – Asked for clarification on the state police barracks moving.

Mayor Vizzard confirmed that a new state police barracks was being built next door to the existing facility. The state is building the new barracks next to the existing barracks and will be paying us rent and as it stands now will also pay rent for the old facility. They will rent both buildings.

Tracy Richardson- Asked if this meant the town would get more officers.

Mayor said he can't answer that.

Tracy Richardson – The speeding has gotten much worse at least on Main St., I don't know about anywhere else.

Mayor said no, it's everywhere else, I totally agree. There is a lot of speeding going on. As a committee we have tried everything we can. We bought the speed signs to try and deter people from speeding, we have done what we can as a committee. We cannot enforce the law. Maybe next year we will look at getting a couple more speed signs. But they only work for a little while.

Tracy Richardson – She has noticed with the lighted ones; people do try to at least the honest ones.

Mayor said the thing with then is at least we have a record. We can show the state police how many people are speeding. It doesn't mean we know how many trucks, its vehicles speeding.

Daniel (last name unknown), Millville – You said you're having trouble with animal control?

Mayor Vizzard said not animal control, it's animal sheltering. The only facility available right now in Cumberland County is the old SPCA building in Vineland. So, all the animals in all of Cumberland County, not just Commercial Township, any sheltering needed goes to that building. The amount of money the municipalities pay for that facility is phenomenal. The latest figures that I know of is we have paid \$700 per animal in 2020 to shelter them and it's all taxpayer's money, not the person that had that animal. Every taxpayer has to foot that bill. We paid something like \$28,000 in 2020. 2021 was an off year because of covid. It is a lot of money, not just for Commercial Township but for everyone in the county. So, we are all getting together to see how we can get our own facility created or get the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter to get in line and show us where the cost is, tell us why they are charging us this. They will not give us any documents proving their cost. We are trying to get the county to build a facility or buy that facility, do something that will do good for our taxpayers of this county. Right now, we are in a stand still waiting for them to give us the paperwork. They were given a time frame to get us the paperwork, if that doesn't happen, we are going to move forward and do our own thing. We have a couple other companies to give us pricing to build a facility.

Daniel – Would you say these animals are going in by Animal Control?

Mayor said yes, there are cats but mostly it is dogs.

Daniel – Asked if the township allows colonies.

Mayor said no

Daniel said they seem to work.

Mayor responded that if the people who had these cats, would pay for it, I don't believe the taxpayers should be paying for that.

Daniel said that is what he means, it would be less seized animals. Looking at it as less animals you need to pay for.

Mayor said a lot of that starts with the owner.

Daniel said it's a way to reduce the cat population.

Mayor said a lot of people see it that way, but it just doesn't work. I just want to find a way to cut cost to the taxpayers for sheltering animals. We are getting close, but it could be another 6 months.

Debbie Hollinger, Temperance St Port Norris, if you look at Facebook, SJ regional animal shelter, they post pictures of their animals, you are lucky to see 2 from Commercial Township.

Mayor said absolutely! I agree!

Debbie Hollinger – It all comes from Bridgeton, Millville

Mayor said but do you know how we pay the animal shelter? It is based on the population. They charge us based on the number of people, not the number of animals we send there, but the number of people in Commercial Township. It is totally wrong. Our hands are tied, we can't send any animals to Cape May County, Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, we have to send the animals to South Jersey Regional and they know it. That's why we are trying to start our own. Greenwich pays a phenomenal amount, and they probably send one animal a year. City of Vineland pays the most, they pay over a million dollars a year. We will figure something out and get our own.

Tracy Richardson- Asked about the old school on Brown.

Mayor said he looked at that last year. The school is going up for auction.

With nothing further from the public, Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion to close to the public. Mr. Jamison made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Klaudi

With nothing further, Mayor asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Klaudi made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Jamison.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Sparks, Township Clerk